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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This two-month period the people of the United States now have to express our concern about further litigation against Microsoft is a wonderful use of free speech. I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal opinion about the government's role in Microsoft's freedom to innovate. The United States Department of Justice and Microsoft reached an agreement at the beginning of this past November; that is where the litigation should end. The settlement was just and right: it allowed Microsoft to continue doing business, while allowing competitors to sue Microsoft if they do not think the company is complying with the agreement.

No more litigation should be enacted at the federal level. With a reasonable settlement already in place, further government action would only waste more time and money. In this time of economic recession, these resources could be used in a much more productive manner. In these trying times, we need to support our homeland companies and allow them to continue providing high-quality products to the marketplace both here and abroad. Lastly, Microsoft is one of our top IT businesses and represents the determination and hard work we as Americans value.

In a battle that the government has already been fought and won, I believe it would be in our best interest not to continue suing Microsoft. Let us get our economy back on track and start supporting products and companies that are made in the USA. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

J.T. Buchar

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